

the doors of economic and social opportunity are open to every American who seeks to step through them.

And, like so many of my fellow Members, I have the privilege of knowing Chairman CLEAVER as a dear friend and mentor. He is always ready with a kind or encouraging word, no matter the situation or where he stands on the issues.

I salute the Chairman for his distinguished leadership and achievements with the Congressional Black Caucus and congratulate him on this milestone in his career. As colleagues, we are grateful that we will continue to benefit from his service and friendship for years to come.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our colleague, the Honorable EMANUEL CLEAVER III. Congressman CLEAVER has served with distinction during the 112th Congress as the 20th chair of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC).

During his tenure as CBC chair, Chairman CLEAVER focused on bringing critical issues before the United States that are of importance to Black America such as voter protection, job creation, inequity in unemployment, the debt-ceiling and many other pressing issues facing our country. As a co-chair of the CBC Technology and Infrastructure taskforce I have worked closely with Chairman CLEAVER to advocate for the needs of community colleges, increased workforce training, initiatives to broaden participation in STEM and inadequate, outdated, and underfunded transportation systems.

Chairman CLEAVER deserves to be commended for highlighting African-American inequity in unemployment and spearheading the Congressional Black Caucus Jobs tour this past summer. The jobs tour was a nationwide initiative that helped pair thousands of unemployed African Americans with employers and brought the issue to the forefront of the national discussion. As past chair of the CBC I know that the work of the Caucus truly serves as a voice for the voiceless and its 43 Members serve as the conscience of the United States Congress.

It has been an honor to be a friend and colleague of Chairman CLEAVER during our years in Congress. He continues to inspire and encourage us all through his milestone of service to our Nation throughout his tenure as a United States Congressman.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Chairman CLEAVER for his many accomplishments during his tenure as Chairman of the CBC.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I rise in tribute to the Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, the Honorable EMANUEL CLEAVER this morning.

Every Chair brings a special brand of leadership to the Caucus and every term in which that Chair serves has its own unique challenges.

Chairman EMANUEL CLEAVER led the 112th Caucus with humor and equanimity and provided a strong and unwavering moral compass for not just the CBC, but for the entire Democratic Caucus.

His stories—we never knew where he was going with them until the end—were always full of wit and “down-home wisdom” and always held a message to remind us “whose we are” and “what is expected of us.” There was always an inspirational message to fuel us for the task.

We were continually challenged during the 112th Congress, the recession, the contentious election season and its voter suppression initiatives, the ethics attacks on our members, and the Tea Party influence on our Republican colleagues made it a particularly challenging two years.

But he met and led us to meet those challenges head on and took the CBC to yet another higher level. I was proud to serve as his First Vice-chair.

I know these years were full of sacrifice for him and his family and so I proudly join all of the other members of the CBC to tell him thank you for his excellent and significant stewardship.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Congressman EMANUEL CLEAVER, for the great job he has done as Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 112th Congress.

As the 20th chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressman CLEAVER has benefited from the legacy of many great leaders from our past.

A legacy that includes inspiring leaders like Shirley Chisholm, the first African American female Member to be elected to Congress, Charles Diggs, Jr., the first Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, and the late great Congressman Donald Payne from New Jersey.

I can say with great sincerity, that Congressman CLEAVER has established a legacy of his own.

During his tenure as CBC Chairman Congressman CLEAVER has sought to fight the pervasive job loss in the African American community by promoting the CBC jobs initiative.

Chairman CLEAVER has led Members of the Congressional Black Caucus across the country, where we have called upon private and public sector partners to immediately remedy the jobs crisis by going into communities with legitimate employment opportunities for the undeserved.

Under Representative CLEAVER's leadership, the CBC has hosted town hall meetings and job fairs in the hardest hit, economically distressed areas to provide opportunities for people to be connected to real employment.

When Republican state legislators decided to pass egregious voter I.D. laws to undermine the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Congressman CLEAVER made sure that the Congressional Black Caucus was at the forefront of the fight to educate the voting public about these laws, and stop them in their tracks.

After working under the leadership of Congressman CLEAVER for the last two years, I can attest with great confidence that he has shown a natural aptitude for strong leadership, with a clear vision that will serve as a great example for future CBC Chairmen for years to come.

I think my colleagues would agree with me when I say—Congressman CLEAVER, you have served well.

Thank you for your commitment and your tireless effort on behalf of the CBC.

I look forward to working with you, and continuing to “fight the good fight” in the 113th Congress.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 17 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day. We pause in Your presence and ask guidance for the men and women of the people's House.

Enable them, O God, to act on what they believe to be right and true and just, and to do so in ways that show respect for those with whom they disagree.

Send Your healing upon our Nation. As we continue to recover from such a great tragedy, endow the Members of this House and all our governmental leaders with the wisdom to respond with whatever policies and laws might be needed to ensure greater peace and security in our land.

Bless us this day and every day, and may all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. CHU) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. CHU led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT OF S. 2367

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table Senate Concurrent Resolution 63 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows: